

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN JON C. SESSO, on January 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Duane Ankney (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing and Date Posted: HB 81, HB 110, HB 226

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:20 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on **HB 226**, Grant for at-risk youth after school programs.

EXHIBIT (aph13a01)

00:05:44 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:55 Bob Runkel, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

00:06:52 Joseph Anderson, Wakina Multi-Cultural Education Center

00:07:57 Detective James Kizer, Great Falls

00:09:47 Julie Fischer, Public Safety Bureau, Montana Board of Crime Control

00:10:28 Chairman Sesso

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:44 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony:

00:12:04 Ms. Fischer presented a slide show, but did not have a copy for the record.

00:18:47 Mark Thatcher, Montana Board of Crime Control

00:20:12 Chairman Sesso

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:20 Rep. Hawk

00:21:44 Rep. Arntzen

00:22:18 Rep. Hawk

00:22:33 Rep. Arntzen

00:22:44 Mr. Thatcher

00:23:52 Rep. Hawk

00:24:02 Mr. Thatcher

00:24:15 Rep. Kasten

00:24:53 Mr. Thatcher

00:25:24 Rep. Getz
00:25:46 Mr. Thatcher
00:26:16 Rep. Getz
00:26:32 Mr. Thatcher
00:26:38 Chairman Sesso
00:27:22 Mr. Thatcher
00:28:04 Chairman Sesso
00:28:41 Rep. Morgan
00:29:18 Rep. Arntzen
00:29:29 Chairman Sesso
00:29:45 Rep. Getz
00:30:34 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:10 Rep. Arntzen
00:32:41 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:05 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on **HB 81**,
Study long-term impacts of budget and demographics
driving costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:56 Sen. Carol Williams
00:41:55 Sen. Jim Peterson
EXHIBIT (aph13a02)
00:51:40 Rep. Morgan
00:52:56 Linda Stoll, Area Agencies on Aging
00:57:22 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce and Montana
Taxpayers Association
00:58:12 Steve Turkwitz, President & CEO, Montana Bankers
Association
00:59:11 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals
01:00:33 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
01:01:30 Claudia Clifford, Director for Advocacy, AARP Montana
EXHIBIT (aph13a03)
01:03:44 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

01:06:48 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:10 Rep. Hollandsworth
 01:09:18 Sen. Peterson
 01:09:27 Rep. Kasten
 01:10:32 Sen. Peterson
 01:12:27 Rep. Getz
 01:12:51 Sen. Peterson
 01:14:55 Chairman Sesso
 01:16:19 Susan Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services
 Division (LSD)
 01:17:40 Chairman Sesso
 01:18:12 Ms. Fox
 01:20:09 Chairman Sesso
 01:20:42 Ms. Fox
 01:21:26 Chairman Sesso
 01:21:49 Ms. Fox
 01:22:49 Chairman Sesso
 01:23:45 Director Bucks
 01:23:54 Chairman Sesso
 01:24:48 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Legislative
 Fiscal Division (LFD)
 01:26:58 Chairman Sesso
 01:27:38 Mr. Johnson
 01:29:21 Chairman Sesso
 01:29:27 Director Bucks
 01:30:32 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:59 Rep. Lake
 01:34:09 Chairman Sesso opened the hearing on HB 110 and asked
 Vice Chairwoman Hiner to take over as temporary
 Chairwoman.

HEARING ON HB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:25 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on **HB
 110**, Revise law for acquisition of state office space.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:36 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
 01:51:15 Sheryl Olsen, Deputy Director, Department of
 Administration (DOA)
 01:53:37 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:05 Rep. Roberts
01:54:21 Ms. Olsen
01:57:18 Rep. Hawk
01:58:32 Ms. Olsen
01:59:03 Rep. Hawk
01:59:26 Rep. Kasten
02:00:58 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering Division,
Department of Administration
02:03:28 Rep. Kasten
02:05:05 Mr. Triem
02:06:20 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:22 Rep. Sesso
02:09:39 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

ADJOURNMENT

02:09:52 Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

SAMUEL SPEERSCHNEIDER, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph13aad.pdf](#))